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January 14, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

> Ex Parte Filing CC Docket No. 99-200

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 13, 2000, Richard A. Karre and Tina S. Pyle of MediaOne Group and Robert W. Spangler of Wallman Strategic Consulting, LLC met with Yog R. Varma, Deputy Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, and L. Charles Keller and Diane Griffin Harmon of the Network Services Division, concerning the referenced proceeding. The MediaOne representatives described the company's operation as a competitive local exchange carrier and the adverse impact that the lack of numbering resources is having on its ability to provide service in California, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The details of MediaOne's presentation are contained in the enclosed seven-page document, which was distributed at the meeting. Also enclosed is a copy of a study prepared by NeuStar concerning the availability of numbers in the 310 NPA in California. That chart also was distributed at the January 12 meeting.

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In accordance with the Commission's rules, the original and one copy of this letter and its enclosures are being filed with the Office of the Secretary for inclusion in the public record.

Sincerely,

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Robert W. Spangler

**Enclosures** 

cc: Yog R. Varma (w/o enclosure) L. Charles Keller "

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# Creating Consumer Choice In Local Telecommunications:

## MediaOne's Urgent Need for Numbering Resources

January 13, 2000

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#### **Agenda**

- Updates to MediaOne's numbering crisis:
  - California
  - Massachusetts
  - New Hampshire



#### **California**

- MediaOne planned to offer residential local telephony in four Los Angeles communities (310 NPA) in July 1999.
  - In these communities, MediaOne's telephony-ready network passes 44,000 homes.
  - MediaOne obtained the necessary NXX codes in the to-beimplemented 424 overlay.
  - Suspension of the overlay left MediaOne without codes and unable to offer service.
- MediaOne has participated in all monthly lotteries for the 310 NPA since the suspension of the 424 overlay, but has not received a single code.



#### California (Continued)

- MediaOne is pursuing "self help" methods to obtain numbering resources.
- MediaOne is supporting an aggressive implementation of thousands-block numbering pooling.
  - However, pooling is not effective in NPAs that are exhausted.
- Six months after its planned launch, MediaOne is still not providing local telephony services to these customers -- due solely to a lack of numbering resources.



#### **Massachusetts**

- In the first half of 2000, MediaOne requires an additional 23 codes, and it will most likely need that many again in the second half of the year.
- Despite regular participation in the monthly lottery, MediaOne continues to face severe number shortages.
- On 12/16/99, MediaOne sent a letter to the Massachusetts DTE requesting additional NXX codes outside of the current rationing plan.
  - Due to the critical numbering shortage in Massachusetts,
     MediaOne limited its request to only 8 NXXs for activation in early 2000.



#### Massachusetts (Continued)

- The Massachusetts DTE has "docketed" MediaOne's request, and plans to issue a decision by the end of January.
- Similar to its efforts in California, MediaOne is pursuing "self help" methods and is eager to participate in thousands-block pooling trials.
  - The DTE has not yet set an implementation date for pooling.
- MediaOne's plans to serve numerous Massachusetts communities will most likely be delayed -- strictly due to a lack of numbering resources.



### New Hampshire

- MediaOne also faces a severe lack of numbering resources in New Hampshire.
  - In the first quarter of this year, MediaOne will likely be unable to serve 11 communities -- or 32,000 homes -simply due to the code shortage.
- The New Hampshire PUC has recently received the authority to implement a number pooling trial, but has not yet set a date.
- Area code relief was conditioned on implementation of unassigned number porting --which was denied by the FCC.



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